

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

The attendance office has been exceptionally busy this year with an early start on the flu season. In addition, with the later start time, I start my day with 30+ messages on my machine. So here are some tips that will make sure things go smoothly for all of us.

- Please make arrangements in advance for appointments by either sending a note with your student or calling the day before. With so many messages on my machine, I may not get to your message in time to pull your student. I don't have an aide every period and it is difficult for me to drop everything to run for a student at the last minute. By calling in advance, I can have your student's pass ready for them to pick up the morning of the appointment. Students with notes should stop by the attendance office before school to pick up a pass to release them.
- Teachers only have the ability to mark students tardy and absent. Sending a note to the teacher may get your student released from class, but it does not excuse them. That **must** go through the attendance office. Students need to be in the habit of checking in with the attendance office. Learning to follow procedures is an important skill for the job market as well as life.
- We're grateful that students want to be in school, but please keep students who are ill at home. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please, students who have vomited or have intestinal symptoms should stay home.
- Homework requests can be made for students who will miss multiple days school, but please be sure that you will be available to pick up work if you request it. There have been many requests in the past few weeks and nearly half of the time the work has not been picked up. Please be respectful of the teachers' time.

**Keep Teens Safe:** ACT Now is a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed depression education and suicide prevention. This program will help students identify the signs and symptoms of depression and what to do to get help. JDHS will implement this program for our second year October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Watch for info in the mail.

**After School Classes Starting in October  
Earn High School and University Credit**

(All classes held on JDHS campus)

**Welding**

Starts Monday October 26th through Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>; 4-6 pm Monday-Thursday

**Emergency Trauma Technician Training - ETT**

Starts Monday October 12th through December 12<sup>th</sup>; 4-6 pm Monday-Thursday

Contact JDHS counseling office to enroll, 523-1613

**Video Production and Video Club Aim High**

This year's Video Production class and Video Club aim to go on air this year on Channel 6. With the purchase of a VT production unit, JDHS Room 119 could function for live to tape and perhaps even live broadcasts. Many thanks to last year's principal, Bernie Sorensen, and this year's principal Jim Kuhlmann for their support. Students right now are learning Final Cut Pro professional editing skills which they'll be able to apply to the stories they go out and video. The intention is for those edited stories to go into a live news broadcast which could be aired monthly, weekly or sooner. Collaboratively with KTOO and KATH and with the professional assistance of KATH Chief Engineer Mikko Wilson, Video Club students will be able to use the equipment in the evolving control room for their various video projects and to help with videoing school activities. Here's looking forward to some student-created content on Channel 6! The club and class have technical and material needs, so if you're able to help, kindly call.

Teacher and Video Club adviser, Richard Steele, 523-1638 or richard\_steele@jsd.k12.ak.us

Don't miss the first major Theater Production of the year: ***Little Shop of Horrors*** presented by the JDHS Theater and Music Departments. This is a dark comedy with lively and fun music AND a huge venus flytrap puppet-like creature.

Don't miss the toe stomping music of this Broadway classic show. ***Little Shop of Horrors*** plays on the JDHS auditorium stage Fridays, October 16th & 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 P.M. and Saturdays, October 17th & 24<sup>th</sup>, @ 7 P.M. Tickets are on sale at Hearthside Books & the JDHS Activities office: \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors/K (\$2 more if purchased at the door).